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R. Raymond Green, M.D., Director
Wasatch County Health Department
98 South Main
Heber City, Utah 84032

Dear Dr. Green:

I am enclosing the Field Trip Report of my
visit to Wasatch County on July 10, 1968.

I would appreciate any comments or corrections
that you would care to make.

Sincerely,


E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Bureau of Local Health
Services

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UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY DATE July 10, 1968

SUBJECT FIELD TRIP TO WASATCH COUNTY

PLACE OF ACTIVITY Heber City, Utah

PURPOSE _____

PARTICIPANTS E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Bureau of Local Health Services;
Mrs. Eehomae Anderson, Consultant Nurse; Commissioner Russell Wall, Wasatch
County Commission and Commissioner Grant W. Shelton, Wasatch County Commission
Wayne C. Whiting, Wasatch County Clerk and R. Raymond Green, M.D., Director
Wasatch County Health Department.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES _____

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS _____

IMPRESSIONS _____

Time Spent in Activity 2 1/2 Hrs. Report Prepared by: E. Arnold Isaacson,
M.D., M.P.H.

Time Spent in Travel 1 1/2 Hrs. Division Health
Bureau of Local Health Services

Distribution: Signature E. Arnold Isaacson

Date Report written _____

UTAH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ACTIVITY REPORT

ACTIVITY DATE July 10, 1958

SUBJECT TRIP TO WASHOE COUNTY

PLACE OF ACTIVITY Hesperia, Calif.

PURPOSE _____

PARTICIPANTS

E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Bureau of Local Health Services;
J. L. Johnson, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Director, Bureau of Local Health Services;
County Commission and Commissioner of Health W. Shelton, Washoe County Commission
Walter G. Wright, Washoe County Clerk and E. Raymond Green, M.D., Director,
Washoe County Health Department.

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CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

IMPRESSIONS

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Time Spent in Travel _____ Hrs.

Distribution: _____

Signature _____

Date Report Written _____

Report Prepared by: E. Arnold Isaacson, M.D., M.P.H.

Division _____

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FIELD TRIP TO WASATCH COUNTY

July 10, 1968

State Consultants: Dr. E. Arnold Isaacson and Mrs. Eehomas Anderson, Consultant Nurse.

Met with Commissioner Wall, Commissioner Shelton and the County Clerk, Mr. Whiting. Discussed with those present the organization of a local health department for their sized county, the structure, leaving organizational drawings, etc., and the functions of a local health department which would serve a population of approximately 5400 people. This included Emerson's Basic Six (C.C.S. and M.C.H., Communicable Disease Control, Health Education, Public Health Laboratory, Environmental Health, and Vital Statistics). Also discussed possible budgetary items, tentative total costs of budgets and shared with the members present the contents of the budgets of three similar sized counties in the State of Utah. A consensus was reached that they did wish to organize a local health department by passing a resolution, subsequently selecting a board of health, appointing a part-time local health director, and hiring a full-time public health nurse.

Several questions were asked concerning what the State Department of Health could do and what the county could do in order to support such an activity. Many of these areas of responsibility were itemized and county or state responsibility was indicated. It was also stated that the State Division of Health, in addition to supplying various vaccines, biologicals, consultation, Health Education, public health laboratory, venereal disease control activities and related public health area activities coupled with sanitation time, etc. that also perhaps supply dollars to the county in the same proportion as was contributed to three other counties of approximate, similar size. This would amount to somewhere between \$1600 and \$2200, depending upon the total budget. It was also explained to the county commissioners that state funds would have to be funds obtained through lapsing money next year inasmuch as this year's allocations to counties have already solidified. It was

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explained further that state policy requires lapsing of funds at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year, which would make money available around March or April of 1969. It was also explained that the counties should use county dollars for the first part of the year and that the State Health Division would, in all probability, have lapsing funds that could be allocated to the county to assist in their public health responsibilities.

Recommended steps for procedure for the county commissioners to take were also outlined. These were as follows:

1. County commissioners adopt either a model resolution or a model county ordinance or develop one of their own with the assistance of the county attorney, which would put the county officially on record as having established a local public health department under specific state law.
2. The county commission should appoint a five-member county board of health, which would consist of a physician, a member of the county board of health, and three other people of the county who are interested in public health activities. (It was recommended that one of those three be the superintendent of public schools).
3. The third step should be the appointment of a county health director (in addition to a county health physician--which is a separate legal title). The county commissioners in attendance felt that Dr. Green should be asked to perform the services of a local health director in addition to being the county physician. There seemed to be a unanimity of opinion by those representing the county who were present in the room.
4. The county health director should hire a public health nurse with the approval of the county board of health and the county commission. There are two qualified public health nurses #15 who have applied for the position. Both of these nurses are working in nursing and are currently

residing in the boundaries of Wasatch County.

5. The county health director and the county board of health should proceed forthwith to develop policies and learn of services available to them from State Division of Health and other health agencies. The county director of health should be in a supervisory capacity over the state sanitarian when the sanitarian comes into the county to provide services.

SUMMARY

Dr. Isaacson and Mrs. Eehomae Anderson visited Wasatch County Commissioners on July 10, 1968. A discussion concerning recommendations of procedures to follow in the establishment of a local health department ensued. The appropriate organization, function, staffing pattern, relationships and public health programs which would be appropriate for a small county health department, meeting the needs of a community the size of Wasatch County, were discussed. An agreement was reached with the county commissioners that these recommendations would be followed and requested Dr. Isaacson to send to them guide lines for a county health plan, forms for submission of a county budget and letter of explanation concerning various state services available to them.

MEETING WITH DR. GREEN--COUNTY PHYSICIAN

On July 10, 1968, Mrs. Eehomae Anderson, Nursing Consultant, Dr. E. Arnel Isaacson, Director of Local Health Services, met with Dr. Green to inform him of the meeting just held with the county commission and explain the position of the State Division of Health and the recommendations given to the county commissioners. Following explanation of these recommendations and discussion of various county health problems, Dr. Green was in agreement to the recommendations of the organization of a Wasatch County Health Department, Board of Health, Health Officer, Public Health Nurses added to the staff with appropriate relationships and program activities.

Dr. Green also requested that Dr. Isaacson contact the regional sanitarian and request him to call Dr. Green this afternoon concerning a water problem and also request that Dr. Isaacson send him a directory of public health personnel in the State Division of Health.

existing in the community of Washoe County.

3. The county health director and the county board of health should proceed

continually to develop policies and forms of services available to them

from State Division of Health and other health agencies. The county

director of health should be in a supervisory capacity over the state

activities when the activities come into the county to provide services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson Anderson visited Washoe County Commissioners

on July 10, 1952. A discussion concerning recommendations of procedures to follow

in the establishment of a local health department ensued. The appropriate organ-

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would be appropriate for a small county health department, meeting the needs of a

community the size of Washoe County, were discussed. An agreement was reached with

the county commissioners that these recommendations would be followed and requested

Dr. Jackson to send to them plans for a county health office, forms for

administration of a county health and letter of explanation concerning various of the

services available to them.

MEETING WITH DR. GREEN--COUNTY PHYSICIAN

On July 10, 1952, Mrs. Jackson Anderson, Working Committee, Dr. S. Arnold

Jackson, Director of Local Health Services, met with Dr. Green to discuss him of

the meeting just held with the county commission and explain the position of the

State Division of Health and the recommendations given to the county commissioners.

Following explanation of these recommendations and situation of various county

health programs, Dr. Green was in agreement to the recommendations of the organization

of a Washoe County Health Department, Board of Health, Health Officer, Public Health

interest added to the state with appropriate relationships and program activities.

Dr. Green also requested that Dr. Jackson contact the regional sanitation and

request that Dr. Jackson send him a directory of public health personnel in the

State Division of Health.